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Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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22 November 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: General P. X. Kelley, USMC
Commandant of the US Marine Corps

FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA
National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT : Soviet Domestic Seaborne Shipping 25X1

1. During our conference on 25 August 1983 you indicated an interest in west to east Soviet domestic transport capability. You asked particularly about the extent to which the Soviets may rely upon trans-Indian Ocean traffic for supplying their eastern provinces. The attached memoranda from CIA Offices of Global Issues and Soviet Analysis address your questions. The points may be summarized as follows:

- There is no evidence that significant tonnages of general cargo are dispatched by sea.
- The Trans-Siberian Railway carries the great bulk of freight (50-55 million tons per year).
- The highways are insufficient for truck caravans.
- Little freight goes by river or inland sea.
- Little freight goes by the Northern Sea.
- Air cargo is limited. 25X1

2. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know. 25X1


Edward B. Atkeson

Attachments:
As stated

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FROM : NIO/GPF

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Distribution:

- Orig - Addressee (w/atts)
- 1 - C/NIC (w/atts)
- 1 - VC/NIC, Waterman (w/atts)
- 1 - VC/NIC, Meyer (w/atts)
- 1 - NIO/USSR-EE (w/atts)
- 1 - NIO/Econ (w/atts)
- 1 - NIO/GPF (w/atts)
- 1 - A/NIO/GPF, (w/atts)
- 1 - NIO/GPF File (w/atts)
- 1 - NIO/GPF Chrono (wo/atts) —

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